

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): SELF-CENTERING BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT METHOD AND APPARATUS

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- ☒ 9 pages of Specification/Claims 1-9/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Drawings (Figs. 1; 1 sheet) are attached.  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.  
☒ An assignment of the invention is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ reference(s).  
☐ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.  
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ --  
☒ Priority of foreign application No. PI0203693-2 filed September 3, 2002 in Brazil is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

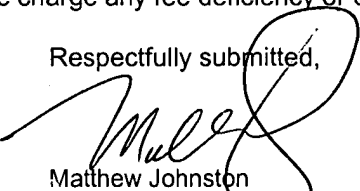
The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

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SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY		
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x 9 =	\$	OR	x 18	\$ 0	
x 42 =	\$	OR	x 84	\$ 0	
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TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$ 750	

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$790.00 (\$750.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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